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1) (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. ENBOFF DISCUSSED ASSISTANCE FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES WITH
DEPARTING WFP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE BARNDALE. BARNDALE
SAID THE CURRENTLY APPROVED PROGRAM CALLS FOR \$5.5 MILLION
OF FOOD ASSISTANCE BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:

WHEAT --- 15,900 TONS

BUTTER OIL ---- 999 TONS

DRIED SKIM MILK (DM) --- 640 TONS

PULSES --- 1,300 TONS

THE PULSES WILL BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOP IN EXCHANGE FOR
2,600 TONS OF WHEAT. BARNDALE HAS NO SHIPPING PAPERS YET
AND DOES NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THE REST OF THE COMMODITIES
ARE COMING FROM. UNTIL IT ARRIVES, SOMETIME IN APRIL,
WFP WILL BORROW THE FOOD FROM GOP STOCKS.

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3. THE ABOVE PROGRAM WAS BASED ON SUPPLYING 185,000

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REFUGEES FOR SIX MONTHS. IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION, WPP HAS ASKED FOR PERMISSION TO DOUBLE THE SIZE OF THE PROGRAM, TO \$11 MILLION, AND BEGIN DISTRIBUTING THE ALREADY ARRANGED FOR COMMODITIES AT DOUBLE THE SIX MONTH RATE. BARNDALE SAID HE EXPECTS THE REQUEST TO BE APPROVED THOUGH HE IS NOT SURE WHERE THE ADDITIONAL \$5.5 MILLION OF FOOD WILL COME FROM. HE SAID HE COULD USE THE FOOD ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO REPAY THE GOP AS THE SECOND TRANCHE OF A DOUBLED WPP PROGRAM, AND REPAY THE GOP AT A LATER DATE.

4. EVEN IF THE WPP EFFORT REACHES \$11 MILLION, IT WILL MAKE UP LESS THAN HALF THE UNDER PROJECTED FOOD BUDGET OF \$25 MILLION. THE \$25 MILLION IS BASED ON REFUGEE POPULATION OF 500,000 WHICH WHICH WILL BE EASILY EXCEEDED BY THE TIME THE PROGRAM REALLY GETS UNDERWAY.

5. BARNDALE, WHO WILL BE IN ROME JANUARY 18, SAID HE WILL MAKE A PITCH FOR MORE PEOPLE TO HELP DISTRIBUTE THE FOOD. HE ENVISIONED WPP BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND REPORTING TO UNHCR WHO WOULD ALSO HANDLE THE DISTRIBUTION OF OTHER COMMODITIES, E.G., TENTS, BLANKETS ETC. BARNDALE SAID HE WOULD WELCOME U.S. PL-400 TITLE II WHEAT AS WPP'S CURRENT BUDGET WILL NOT LONG BE ABLE TO COPE WITH THE RISING NUMBERS OF AFGHAN REFUGEES.
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